

H.R. 2489. A bill to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. INSLEE (for himself, Mr. DICKS, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. McDERMOTT, and Mr. BASS of New Hampshire):

H.R. 2490. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for a study of the Cascadia Marine Trail; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. LUETKEMEYER (for himself and Mrs. MYRICK):

H.R. 2491. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow refunds of Federal motor fuel excise taxes on fuels used in mobile mammography vehicles; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MARINO (for himself and Ms. SUTTON):

H.R. 2492. A bill to prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. McDERMOTT (for himself, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia):

H.R. 2493. A bill to amend the African Growth and Opportunity Act to extend the third country fabric program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. NADLER:

H.R. 2494. A bill to authorize and direct the Secretary of State and the Commissioner of Social Security to continue to work with the governments of the states of the former Soviet Union to encourage such states to adopt policies that would allow receipt of pensions for individuals who worked in any such state and earned a pension and currently reside in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. TIERNEY (for himself, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. GRJALVA, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, and Ms. MCCOLLUM):

H.R. 2495. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate certain tax expenditures; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

## MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

85. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, relative to House Resolution No. 1955 urging the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to withdraw its proposal to list the dunes sagebrush lizard under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

86. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island, relative to Senate Resolution S. 976 urging the swift adoption of the Main Street Fairness Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

87. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, relative to House Resolution No. 1483 endorsing the inclusion of Taiwan in the United States Visa Waiver Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

88. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, rel-

ative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 94 memorializing the Congress to review the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision Social Security benefit reductions and enacting the Social Security Fairness Act; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. DINGELL:

H.R. 2482.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8, clause 3, and Article I, section 8, clause 18 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. GRIMM:

H.R. 2483.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3.

By Mr. HARRIS:

H.R. 2484.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 & 18 of the United States Constitution.

Clause 3: To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.

Clause 18: To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 2485.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18; and including, but not solely limited to the 14th Amendment.

By Ms. BORDALLO:

H.R. 2486.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 3 of Section 8 of Article I.

By Mr. FLAKE:

H.R. 2487.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The constitutional authority of Congress provided by Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically clause 1 (relating to the power of Congress to provide for the general welfare of the United States), clause 3 (relating to the power to regulate interstate commerce), and clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress).

By Mr. HINCHEY:

H.R. 2488.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

By Mr. HOLT:

H.R. 2489.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. INSLEE:

H.R. 2490.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18, which provides that Congress shall have the power to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. LUETKEMEYER:

H.R. 2491.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the explicit power of Congress to regulate commerce in and among the states, as enumerated in Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3, the Commerce Clause, of the United States Constitution.

Additionally, the constitutional authority on which the tax provisions of this bill rest is the power of Congress to explicitly lay and collect taxes, duties, impost and excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States and, therefore, implicitly allows Congress to reduce taxes, as enumerated in Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. MARINO:

H.R. 2492.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

1) Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

The Congress shall have Power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.

2) Article I, Section 9, Clause 3

To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.

By Mr. McDERMOTT:

H.R. 2493.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the Constitution

By Mr. NADLER:

H.R. 2494.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18.

By Mr. TIERNEY:

H.R. 2495.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution.

## ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 23: Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. WEST, and Mr. BOSWELL.

H.R. 27: Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. BONNER, and Mr. KISSELL.

H.R. 329: Mr. BOSWELL.

H.R. 333: Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. HONDA, Mr. HINOJOSA, and Mr. SCHOCK.

H.R. 376: Mr. MICHAUD.

H.R. 389: Mr. FORBES.

H.R. 402: Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas and Ms. NORTON.